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BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

GENERAL CHARLES PEARRÉ CABELL, USAF

Charles Pearré Cabell was born in Dallas, Texas, October 11, 1903. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy June 12, 1925, and commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery.

For five years following his graduation from the Academy, he served with the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He then was assigned to the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, from which he was graduated in February 1931, when he went to Kelly Field, Texas. He completed the observation course at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School in June, 1931, and remained at Kelly Field as a flying instructor.

He joined the Seventh Observation Squadron at France Field, Panama Canal Zone as Adjutant in October 1931. He subsequently served as Commanding Officer of the 44th Observation Squadron, the 25th Pursuit Squadron, and the 74th Pursuit Squadron successively, at Albrook Field, C. Z.

In September 1934, he became a flying instructor at the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Randolph Field, Texas. He later served as Post Adjutant and in September, 1938, entered the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, from which he graduated in June, 1939. In August, 1939, he was detailed to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from which he was graduated in February, 1940.

The following June he went to Wright Field, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Photographic Laboratory in the Experimental Engineering Division. After a period as an observer with the R.A.F. in the United Kingdom, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., in April, 1941, for duty in the Office of the Chief of Air Corps, as Chief of the Photo Unit. For a short time he served as Assistant Executive for Technical Planning and Coordination. In February, 1942, he became Chief of the Advisory Council to the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces (General Arnold).

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From June to October, 1943, he attended the first course at the Army and Navy Staff College, after which he returned to the Advisory Council.

General Cabell was assigned to the Eighth Air Force in the European Theater in late October, 1943, and on December 1, 1943, assumed command of the 45th Combat Bombardment Wing. In April, 1944, he became Director of Plans for the U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, during the planning for the invasion of Normandy. Three months later was made Director of Operations and Intelligence for the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces with headquarters at Caserta, Italy, in time to participate in the planning for the invasion of Southern France.

In May, 1945, at the end of the war in Europe, General Cabell was assigned to Air Force Headquarters where he became Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Plans. In December, 1945, he was assigned with the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations and after attending the London Conference remained on duty with the United Nations in New York as Deputy and later as U. S. Air Force Representative on the Military Staff Committee.

General Cabell was assigned to Air Force Headquarters in August, 1947, as Special Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Plans and the following two months served as Acting Deputy to the Director (Designate) of the Joint Staff. In November, 1947, he became Chief of the Air Intelligence Requirements Division in the Office of the Director of Intelligence. On May 15, 1948, he was appointed Director of Intelligence of the U. S. Air Force.

On November 1, 1951, General Cabell was named Director of the Joint Staff in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He was sworn in as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on April 25, 1953, and served almost nine years.

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General Cabell has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He also has been made an Honorary Commander of the British Empire, an Officer in the French Legion of Honor, a wearer of the French Croix de Guerre and a member of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus of Italy.

He is rated a technical observer and command pilot.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant (permanent) November 1, 1930; to captain (permanent) August 1, 1935; to major (temporary) June 25, 1940; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) December 5, 1941; to colonel (temporary) March 1, 1942; to major (permanent) June 12, 1942; to brigadier general (temporary) February 26, 1944; to brigadier general (permanent) February 26, 1944; to major general (temporary) October 10, 1947; to major general (permanent) January 27, 1950, with date of rank from June 4, 1944; to lieutenant general (temporary) with date of rank from July 5, 1952; to general (temporary) with date of rank from July 11, 1958.

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